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DHIA COWS PASS THE 11,000 POUND LEVEL OF MILK PRODUCTION

1960 is another milestone in the history of dairy-herdimprovement in this country. During the year, DHIA cows established an all-time high average milk and butterfat production level, producing on the average 11,045 pounds of milk and 428 pounds of butterfat.

The table on the back of this page gives the average production of DHIA cows by State.

A summary of 18,644 yearly herd records that included data on value of product and feed cost revealed a familiar story to DHIA members -- good cows pay more.

The following table, based on the assumption that feed cost represents approximately one-half the total cost of producing milk, shows the relationship of high production and high returns.

Milk Production Level (pounds)	Value of Product (dollars)	Feed Cost (dollars)	Other Costs (dollars)	Net Profit (dollars)
4,000	238	115	115	8
6,000	323	147	147	29
8,000	419	178	178	63
10,000	469	196	196	77
11,045 (DHIA Av.)	500	205	205	90
12,000	537	213	213	111
14,000	625	238	238	149

GOOD COWS PAY MORE

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SUMMARY OF THE 1960-61 DAIRY-HERD-IMPROVEMENT-ASSOCIATION RECORDS, BY STATES

	retion Fat	Pounds	364 423 413 405	360 387 399 354 412	417 419 338 397	345 355 436 396 397	449 356 414 401	428
	e prode Test	Pct.	3.5 3.9 3.7	6.3.3.9 9.0.8.4 9.0.8.2	9.1.00.0	4.3.3.4 3.4.7.8 1.00	3.8.9 1.8.8 1.8 1.8	3.9
	Average production Milk Test Fa	Pounds	10, 501 10, 352 10, 562 10, 205 11, 254	9, 299 10, 402 10, 418 9, 025 9, 481	10, 585 10, 767 8, 567 10, 958	8,355 9,291 11,671 9,589 10,112	11, 042 9, 183 10, 884 11, 028	11,045
	Cow-years	Number	92 7, 731 22, 371 3, 576 148, 986	30, 476 2, 871 28, 599 2, 237 14, 145	133, 686 1, 575 8, 157 2, 819	5,867 10,340 14,627 27,667 47,770	37, 462 4, 193 88, 165 907	1, 280, 785
	Assoc- iations active 1-1-61	Number	5 10 10 6 49	46 14 80 20 23	59 4 1 1 1 5	33 20 10 62	24 114 5	1, 395
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	State		Nev N. H N. J N. Mex N. Y	N. C N. Dak Ohio Okla Ore	Pa P. R. R. I S. C	Tenn Tex Utah Vt	Wash W. Va Wis Wyo	Total or Average
	luction Fat	Pounds	303 420 315 463	403 3324 3354 354	400 407 417 410	389 360 300 3923	429 422 403 303 383	402 376
	e proc Test	Pct.	3.9	8.0.6.4.	3.60	6.6.4.4.9 9.0.0 1.0.0	4.8.8.4. 0.8.7.4.0	3.0
	Average production Milk Test Fat	Pounds	7, 635 11, 392 7, 977 12, 019	10, 551 11, 060 9, 710 7, 702 8, 413	10, 361 10, 463 10, 307 10, 307	10, 050 9, 273 6, 993 10, 396 9, 789	10, 690 11, 103 10, 952 6, 954 9, 531	10,856 9,693
	Cow-years	Number	11,082 3,733 1,566 272,301	12, 403 17, 160 3, 500 5, 042 8, 703	9, 413 41, 253 12, 668 48, 864	21, 016 5, 989 1, 694 11, 035 25, 109	18, 106 55, 670 26, 824 4, 484 10, 352	2, 821 5, 682
	Assoc- iations active	Number	21 0 4 4 33	20 8 3 10 25	4 36 64 66 71	447 45 9 16	12 78 73 13 50	8 27
7	State		Ala Alaska Ariz Ark Calif	Colo Conn Del Fla Ga	Hawaii Idaho III Ind Iowa	Kans Ky La Me Md	Mass Mich Minn Miss Mo	Mont